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COLLEGE STUDENTS SURVEY ON DRUG USE: 1980-1985

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	Percent who used in past 12 months						
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	'84–'85 change
Approx. Wtd. N =	(1040)	(1130)	(1150)	(1170)	(1110)	(1080)	
Marijuana	51.2	51.3	44.7	45.2	40.7	41.7	+1.0
LSD	6.1	4.6	6.3	4.2	3.7	2.2	−1.5s
Cocaine	16.9	15.9	17.2	17.2	16.4	17.3	+0.9
Heroin	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	+0.1
Other Opiates[a]	5.1	4.4	3.8	3.8	3.8	2.4	−1.4
Stimulants[a]	22.4	22.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Stimulants, Adjusted[a,b]	NA	NA	21.1	17.3	15.8	11.9	−3.9ss
Sedatives[a]	8.3	7.9	8.0	4.5	3.4	2.5	−0.9
Barbiturates[a]	2.9	2.8	3.2	2.2	1.9	1.3	−0.6
Methaqualone[a]	7.2	6.5	6.6	3.1	2.5	1.4	−1.1
Tranquilizers[a]	6.9	4.8	4.7	4.6	3.5	3.5	0.0
Alcohol	90.5	92.5	92.2	91.6	90.0	92.0	+2.0
Cigarettes	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

NOTES: Level of significance of difference between the two most recent years:
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Trends in Thirty-Day Prevalence of Twelve Types of Drugs
Among College Students 1–4 Years Beyond High School

	Percent who used in last 30 days						
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	'84–'85 change
Approx. Wtd. N =	(1040)	(1130)	(1150)	(1170)	(1110)	(1080)	
Marijuana	34.0	33.2	26.8	26.2	23.0	23.6	+0.6
LSD	1.3	1.4	1.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	−0.1
Cocaine	6.9	7.3	7.9	6.4	7.6	6.9	−0.7
Heroin	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Opiates[a]	1.8	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.4	0.7	−0.7
Stimulants[a]	13.4	12.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Stimulants, Adjusted[a,b]	NA	NA	9.9	7.0	5.5	4.2	−1.3
Sedatives[a]	3.7	3.4	2.5	1.1	1.0	0.7	−0.3
Barbiturates[a]	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.4	−0.3
Methaqualone[a]	3.1	3.0	1.9	0.7	0.5	0.2	−0.3
Tranquilizers[a]	2.0	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.4	+0.2
Alcohol	81.8	81.9	82.8	80.3	79.1	80.3	+1.2
Cigarettes	25.8	25.9	24.4	24.7	21.5	22.4	+0.9

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Marijuana	7.2	5.6	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.1	-0.5
LSD	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	-0.3
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Opiates[a]	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Stimulants[a]	0.5	0.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Stimulants, Adjusted[a,b]	NA	NA	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Sedatives[a]	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
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Methaqualone[a]	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tranquilizers[a]	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Alcohol	6.5	5.4	6.1	6.1	6.6	5.0	-1.6
Five or more drinks in a row in last two weeks	43.9	43.6	44.0	43.1	45.5	44.6	-0.9
Cigarettes	18.3	17.1	16.2	15.3	14.8	14.3	-0.5
Half pack or more per day in past 30 days	12.7	11.9	10.5	9.6	10.2	9.4	-0.8

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